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REMARKS

Applicant replies to the Office Action mailed on April 26, 2005 within the shortened statutory period for reply. Claims 1-11 and 32-34 remain pending in this application. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicant thanks the Office for the allowance of claims 32-34 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-11.

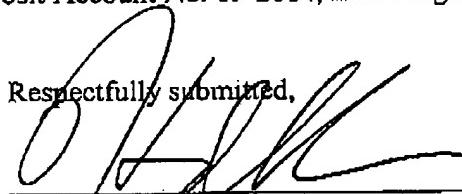
The Office requests a more descriptive title which is indicative of the claims. Applicant amends the title to be more closely indicative of the claims.

The Office rejects claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 because "the first identified operating flight" lacks antecedent basis. Applicant amends independent claim 1 to clarify the antecedent basis. Claims 2-11 depend from independent claim 1, so claims 2-11 are allowable based on the amendments to independent claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are allowable over the prior art of record.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Office wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Office is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Office's convenience. Applicant authorizes and respectfully requests that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, including any required extension fees.

Respectfully submitted,


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